TOP 10: TIPS FOR PARENTS TO PREVENT YOUTH GANG INVOLVEMENT

- 1. Spend quality time with your child
- Get involved in your child's school activities
- Be a positive role model and set the right example
- 4. Know your child's friends and their families
- 5. Encourage good study habits
- Teach your child how to cope with peer pressure
- Help your child develop good conflict / resolution skills
- Encourage your child to participate in positive after-school activities with adult supervision (recreation centers, organized sports, youth groups)
- Take action in your neighborhood (create a neighborhood alliance, report and remove graffiti)
- Talk with your child about the dangers and consequences of gang involvement

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